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SUBJ: PORTUGUESE RETURNEES FROM TIMOR

1. FONOFF OFFICIAL CONCERNED WITH COORDINATING ARRANGEMENTS FOR RETURNING RELEASED PRISONERS TO PORTUGAL STATES THAT SEVERAL HUNDRED OTHER PORTUGUESE ARE ALSO ANXIOUS FOR REPATRIATION. GOP HAS PASSED PORTUGUESE PASSPORTS TO DUTCH TO FACILITATE DOCUMENTATION OF THESE PERSONS. OFFICIAL STATES THAT THE PORTUGUESE AIR FORCE 707 BRINGING PRISONERS TO PORTUGAL WILL ALSO CARRY A CAPACITY LOAD OF REPATRIATES. OTHER PERSONS DESIRING REPATRIATION ARE BEING PROVIDED PORTUGUESE DOCUMENTATION THROUGH THE DUTCH AND ARE BEING GIVEN TICKETS TO TRAVEL ON NORMAL COMMERCIAL AIRLINE FLIGHTS AS SOON AS THE GOI AUTHORIZES THEIR DEPARTURE.

2. COMMENT: LISBON PRESS OF JULY 21 STATED THAT DUTCH MAY ARRANGE FOR A CHARTERED AIRCRAFT TO RETURN PRISONERS. THE CONFUSION AS TO THE ARRANGEMENTS FOR THE PRISONERS RETURN IS NOT LESSENER BY CONFLICT BETWEEN THE PORTUGUESE FONMIN AND THE AIR FORCE AS TO WHO SHOULD RECEIVE THE CREDIT FOR HANDLING THE RELEASE.

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3. FURTHER EVIDENCE OF GOP RELIEF AT IMMINENT CONCLUSION
OF THIS AFFAIRS IF FONOFF OFFICIAL'S STATEMENT REFERRING
TO "THE HAPPY OUTCOME OF THE TIMOR MESS."
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